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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Conversation with Joint Economic Committee Staff
re the Michael Boretsky Article**

1. I picked up from the Joint Economic Committee advance copies of the Committee's study on the Economic Performance and the Military Burden in the Soviet Union. The study includes the rather controversial paper by Michael Boretsky on The Technological Base of Soviet Military Power, but statements are included in the forward of the study and in the press release indicating that the studies present different interpretations of such phenomenon as Soviet defense activities due largely to the secrecy surrounding them.

2. As suggested by Dr. Ed Allen, of OER, I offered John Stark, Committee Executive Director, a copy of OER's Memorandum for the Record on the Boretsky article. Stark thanked me for offering this material, but indicated that Chairman Proxmire had given instructions to the Committee staff not to accept any classified material. This was the result of some rather bitter experiences with the Air Force over the C5-A issue.

3. A copy of the study and press release was sent to OER.


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